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Sir:

PETITION FOR A FURTHER AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a further one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed March 25, 2004 with respect to the aboveidentified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from August 25, 2004 to September 25, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$530.00 (\$950.00 - \$420.00 already paid = \$530.00) is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. Please see attached copy of SUBMISSION OF DEFICIENCY PAYMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.28(c). This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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